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For: STRAIN GAUGE TYPE SENSOR AND
STRAIN GAUGE TYPE SENSOR UNIT
USING THE SAME

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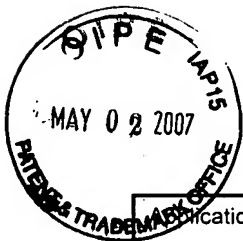
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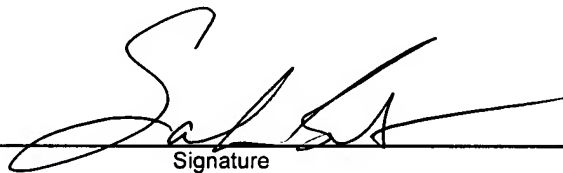
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